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Applicant: NATH ET AL. Examiner: BRIAN E. MILLER
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RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 26, 2003, requiring an election of species, Applicants hereby elect with traverse group III, Figs. 14-16. At least the following claims are readable on the elected species: Claims 1 - 9, 12 - 14, and 21 - 25.

If the Examiner has any questions in regard to the foregoing, he is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' attorney below at 612/336-4755.

Respectfully submitted,

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